SUBJECT No. 69.

Visitors to lock-ups.

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao, Seringapatam Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Respectable persons may be authorized to pay surprise visits to police lock-ups and make enquiries about the treatment given to persons confined therein. This will at least reduce the cases of ill-treatment of confined persons by the police.

Reply of Government.—A beginning will be made in selected places.

SUBJECT No. 70.

Prospects of Sub-Registrars.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Nagar Sabha.

Summary of discussion.—Sub-Registrars have very few chances of promotion in their own line. This breeds discontent and indifference to work. It is desirable to have scope for a free transfer of these officials to the Revenue Department and to look upon the Registration Department as a branch of the Revenue Department for purposes of transfers and promotions.

The member further stated that the Sub-Registrars in many places had not enough work and that their spare time might therefore be profitably utilized by Government in other directions. When asked to quote specific instances, the member cited the cases of the Sub-Registrars of Shimoga, Channagiri and Tirthahalli.

Reply of Government.—Additional work will be given to such of them as have not got enough work.

SUBJECT No. 71.

Fee to Sub-Registrars for attendance at private residences.

Messrs. M. Venkataramaiya, C. Venkataramaiya and D. Chowdaiya, Channarayapatna Taluk; Ramasanjeevaiya, and Puttegowda, Channapatna Taluk; Ramabhadra Setti, Channapatna Municipality; and Seshagiraiya, Hunsur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—At present a fee of 10 rupees is fixed when Sub-Registrars are required to attend at private residences for registering documents. Since this rule works as a great hardship to poor parties and gosha women the fee may be reduced to Rs. 5 in addition to the payment of actual travelling expenses incurred by them.

Reply of Government.—The question has already been decided in the negative and cannot be re-opened.

SUBJECT No. 72.

Registration fees for *guttige karars*.

Messrs. Naraharaiya and Channalingappa, Nelamangala Taluk, and S. Dasappa, Bangalore District Board.

Summary of discussion.—The people are grateful for the concessions shown to them with regard to stamp duty and registration fees on documents relating to agricultural purposes, such as lease, agreement to lease, etc. But there is one inconvenience in this. If land is given to a ryot for *vara* cultivation, the agreement is registered without stamp. As the amount for which the document is to be registered is not mentioned, a registration fee of Rs. 5 is recovered. Owing to this heavy fee the lease or agreement remains unregistered and people experience difficulty as they have to go to courts and waste money. Therefore four or five times the assessment on the land may be ordered to be calculated for purposes of registration and the document registered levying fees on that amount.

Reply of Government.—The subject will be investigated.